

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-150. (Canceled)

151. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving at least two data packages, each data package comprising a data object and a set of control data, the set of control data for each data package including at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object, the usage complying with a variable number of conditions, the data ~~objects~~ object and the usage control ~~elements~~ element for each data package being encrypted;

decrypting the usage control elements of the sets of control data;

examining, by use of a data processor, the usage control elements of the at least two data packages to find a match;

determining whether a data processor is capable of completing a security procedure specified in a security control element of the usage control elements, and disabling the usage when the data processor is not capable of completing the security procedure; and

performing an action specified in the sets of control data of the at least two data packages, if the usage is not disabled.

152. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving at least two data packages, each data package comprising a data object and a set of control data, the set of control data for each data package including at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object, the usage complying with a variable number of conditions, the data ~~objects~~ object for each data package being encrypted;

examining, by use of a data processor, the usage control elements of the at least two data packages to find a match;

determining whether a data processor is capable of completing a security procedure specified in a security control element of the usage control elements, and disabling the usage when the data processor is not capable of completing the security procedure; and

performing an action specified in the sets of control data of the at least two data packages, if the usage is not disabled.

153. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 151 additionally comprising:
updating the usage control element of each data package; and
re-encrypting each updated usage control element of each data package.

154. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 151 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of user.

155. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 151 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular time limit for usage.

156. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 151 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular geographical area for usage.

157. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 151 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of allowed operations.

158. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 151 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular number of uses of the data object.

159. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 151 wherein the set of control data includes an identifier, which uniquely identifies the set of control data.

160. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 151 wherein the set of control data is concatenated to the data object.

161. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 151 wherein the data object is sent independently of the set of control data.

162. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 152 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of user.

163. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 152 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular time limit for usage.

164. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 152 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular geographical area for usage.

165. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 152 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of allowed operations.

166. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 152 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular number of uses of the data object.

167. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 152 wherein the set of control data includes an identifier, which uniquely identifies the set of control data.

168. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 152 wherein the set of control data is concatenated to the data object.

169. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 152 wherein the data object is sent independently of the set of control data.

170. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a data processor;

a receiving module, being executable by the data processor, to receive at least two data packages, each data package comprising a data object and a set of control data, the set of control data for each data package including at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object, the usage complying with a variable number of conditions, the data ~~objects~~ object and the usage control ~~elements~~ element for each data package being encrypted;

a decryption module to decrypt the usage control elements of the sets of control data;

a security module to examine the usage control elements of the at least two data packages to find a match, to determine whether the data processor is capable of completing a security procedure specified in a security control element of the usage control elements, and to disable the usage when the data processor is not capable of completing the security procedure; and

a usage manager module to perform an action specified in the sets of control data of the at least two data packages, if the usage is not disabled.

171. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a data processor;

a receiving module, being executable by the data processor, to receive at least two data packages, each data package comprising a data object and a set of control data, the set of control data for each data package including at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object, the usage complying with a variable number of conditions, the data ~~objects~~ object for each data package being encrypted;

a security module to examine the usage control elements of the at least two data packages to find a match, to determine whether the data processor is capable of completing a security

procedure specified in a security control element of the usage control elements, and to disable the usage when the data processor is not capable of completing the security procedure; and

a usage manager module to perform an action specified in the sets of control data of the at least two data packages, if the usage is not disabled.

172. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 170 additionally comprising:
an update module to update the usage control element of each data package; and
an encryption module to re-encrypt each updated usage control element of each data package.

173. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 170 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of user.

174. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 170 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular time limit for usage.

175. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 170 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular geographical area for usage.

176. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 170 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of allowed operations.

177. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 170 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular number of uses of the data object.

178. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 170 wherein the set of control data includes an identifier, which uniquely identifies the set of control data.

179. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 170 wherein the set of control data is concatenated to the data object.

180. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 170 wherein the data object is sent independently of the set of control data.

181. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 171 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of user.

182. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 171 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular time limit for usage.

183. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 171 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular geographical area for usage.

184. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 171 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular kind of allowed operations.

185. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 171 wherein the at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to a particular number of uses of the data object.

186. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 171 wherein the set of control data includes an identifier, which uniquely identifies the set of control data.

187. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 171 wherein the set of control data is concatenated to the data object.

188. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 171 wherein the data object is sent independently of the set of control data.